

## MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

March 22, 2017

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Watters  
Absent: Mr. Misertino

Salute to flag was done by all.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session held on March 8, 2017, which was seconded by Mayor Watters.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Misertino  
Abstain: Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Hayes

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special meeting held on March 17, 2017, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Watters  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Misertino  
Abstain: None

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections mentioned by Mayor Watters from the regular meeting held on March 8, 2017, which was seconded by Mayor Watters.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Misertino  
Abstain: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Kocher

### BILL LIST & ADDENDUM

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the bill list with addendum, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mrs. Mr. Hayes, Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Watters  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mr. Misertino  
Abstain: None

Mr. Misertino arrived at 7:39pm

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mrs. Mora Dillon acknowledged two Mansfield Recreation Basketball teams that won the Championship in their respective divisions out of the entire five sending school districts and also thanked Chris Ghio, Basketball Chair, for a great job.

Mrs. Mora Dillon read the respective accomplishments for the 5/6 Girls Basketball Team and 7/8 Girls Basketball Teams. Mayor Watters awarded the players with certificates.

### CLERKS REPORT:

Nothing to report

### FINANCE REPORT:

Nothing to report

### EMPLOYEES REPORTS:

Mrs. Fascenelli requested permission to schedule a free Town-Wide Shredding Event for October 21 from 9a-1p.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to hold a Shredding Event on October 21 from 9a-1p, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mrs. Fascenelli asked if the Committee would be interested in holding an Electronics Recycling this year.

There was a positive response so Mrs. Fascenelli will look into pricing.

### ENGINEERS REPORT:

DPW Generator project at 95% complete on design and specs, putting together bid package which should be ready to go by end of next week, will coordinate with Ms. Hrebenak for advertisement dates that will work.

Watters Rd improvements project started previously may need more work finishing up specs but will probably be ready to go out to bid by end of April. A DOT submission needs to be made but do not anticipate any hold up.

Salt shed repairs for leaking with flashing and sealing are complete, waiting for next heavy storm to see how those work out. Believe there are some weak spots which will be addressed once determined.

Mt. Bethel Church was granted Board of Health extension, will be working with Dena to determine where the material will be going and who will be doing the work.

Mr. Watters introduced DPW Supervisor Wood who spoke regarding recent snowstorm.

Mr. McKeivitt mentioned that on Watters Rd there was no snow fence.

Mayor Watters commented that Mr. Wood learned where all of the drifts were and will plan for snow fence installation for next year.

Mayor Watters commended DPW and Police Department for a job well done during the storm.

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-51  
TO AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES  
DUE TO DISABLED VETERAN STATUS OF THE OWNER**

**WHEREAS**, John Roe is the owner of real property located 21 Hillside Road, known as Block 1904 Lot 1, within the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, John Roe has been declared a 100% disabled American Veteran by the United States government as defined in NJSA 54:4-3.30 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, John Roe has, as of, December 28, 2016, applied to the Tax Assessor of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, on the appropriate application and with the supporting documentation to support said application to the satisfaction of the Tax Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 54:4-3.30 et seq. requires a municipality to grant tax exemption to those qualifying in accordance with its terms; and

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 54:4-3.32 authorizes the 2017 refund of taxes paid from the qualifying date of the exemption;

**WHEREAS**, the total due for tax due for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2017 is \$3,664.83 and the total paid was \$1,832.42;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, the Tax Collector has hereby authorized to refund the following:

John Roe  
21 Hillside Road  
Hackettstown, NJ 07840  
Refund Due \$1,832.42

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2017-51, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2017-52  
SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION  
*[as required by DCA]*

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Mansfield has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2017 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Mansfield that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Mrs. Kocher made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2017-52, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2017-53

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF WARREN,  
NEW JERSEY FOR 9-1-1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield is desirous of sharing services for 9-1-1 Telecommunications Service with County of Warren, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A 40A:65-1 et seq.) Empowers the County of Warren and the Township of Mansfield to enter into such an agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield Committee hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a shared service agreement with the County of Warren for 9-1-1 Telecommunications Service

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2017-53, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. McKevitt, Blau Rd, asked Mr. DiSessa for an update on the weight limit sign on corner of Watters Rd. and Heiser Rd.

Mr. DiSessa stated the sign may have been put up temporarily from DOT project since we can't find ordinance that allowed that sign.

Mr. McKevitt stated there is one on the Hazen Rd side for that bridge.

Mr. DiSessa stated he is researching to make sure a previous ordinance exists for the correct weight limit and are authorized the proper way.

Mr. McKevitt asked for a timeline and if this needed to go through the County.

Mr. DiSessa responded this is a Township road and if there is no ordinance the process of making a recommendation with two readings may take a month or two.

Mr. Hayes asked if the proposed Watters Rd work would eliminate anything with the culvert construction.

Mr. Disessa stated we are not touching the culvert rather just roadway stabilization, but if we are doing work there we could coordinate the signs with that work but it is not a big deal to put up the signs once approved.

Mrs. Thompson, Port Murray, attended the Land Use Board meeting on January 18 where Rt 57 Auto Salvage appeared requesting clarification regarding junk yard use of in front of the fence. Some of the people gave opinions but no formal application was present so nothing was done.

Mrs. Thompson requested enforcement of the Land Use Board resolution.

Mr. Lavery stated he was of the understanding that the only thing they were disputing was customers and employees could park in front of the fence which the Land Use Board clarified it was never their intention to prohibit that.

Mrs. Thompson stated that Mr. Edleston made it clear to them that they need to make a formal application to go in front of the Land Use Board to get clarification.

Mr. Lavery stated he will talk to Mr. Edleston regarding what actually happened at the Land Use Board meeting.

Mrs. Thompson asked if their junkyard license renewal was issued.

Mr. Lavery stated they are permitted to operate in the zone. The license has not been renewed based on the conclusion of the Municipal Court violations.

Mr. Tuscano, Rt. 57 Auto Salvage, stated there has not been any operational vehicles in front of the fence since the last meeting.

Mrs. Mulvihill, 631 Valley Rd asked Mr. Lavery if Executive Session is confidential.

Mr. Lavery explained what topics are considered for Executive Session.

Mrs. Mulvihill asked what happens if Executive Session information is leaked to the public?

Mr. Lavery indicated that it puts the Township at risk but there's not a lot that can be done.

Mrs. Mulvihill requested Committee liaisons provide updated reports since the minutes of some of these Committees are not updated beyond 2016.

Mrs. Mulvihill brought up a Green Team grant that was never voted on.

Mrs. Fascenelli indicated the Green Team is a team and they do not vote.

Mrs. Mulvihill asked about EDAC whether they vote.

Mr. Lavery proclaimed that was an advisory committee who vote but make a recommendation to the Township Committee

Mrs. Mulvihill then asked why open EDAC positions are not advertised on the web site.

Mrs. Mulvihill suggested that a survey was done last year but there were no results. If a survey is done and personal information is requested what is the protocol for securing our data.

Mr. Hayes indicated no EDAC survey went out last year.

Mrs. Mulvihill asked about a survey that was on Mansfield Politics attached to Mr. Onderko's page and who authorized that. Someone is putting surveys up on these sites making it appear that it's related to Mansfield Township.

Mrs. Kocher responded no survey was done last year by EDAC and provide a copy and source of the survey.

Mr. Misertino indicated that the current EDAC survey asked for no personal information and will be online via Survey Monkey.

Mrs. Mulvihill is concerned about security and asked about a meeting by Mr. Misertino and Shirley Kocher at Applebee's with the passing of a folder.

Mr. Misertino explained what was in the folder and the reason for their meeting.

Mrs. Adasavage, Snyder Rd, asked if Mr. Misertino had gone to the Open Space meeting. She asked if the liaison can give monthly updates. She also mentioned that after the last meeting the Mt. Bethel Church

door was left wide open.

Mrs. Adasavage asked status of the Trail Grant.

Mr. Misertino indicated he had it in his possession and will be giving it to the Clerk. He had requested an extension which was granted. He didn't want anything to start without a plan which is why it was deferred for two years.

Mrs. Mora Dillon asked if that extension should have been voted on by the Committee.

Mr. Misertino responded that he took the initiative to request the extension otherwise we would have been in our second year.

Mr. Mora Dillon's concern is that there was a plan and a grant but no way to implement it.

Mrs. Adasavage explained the proposed trail extension, which shouldn't be farmed since it not on the farming map.

**ORDINANCE:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

**2017-04**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2017**

**MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO  
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Mansfield Township in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 160,159.86 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Mansfield Township, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively



concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Mansfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$160,159.86, and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Township of Mansfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2017-04 and requested that the public hearing be held on April 12, 2017 at 8pm, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT TITLE III "SNOW REMOVAL" TO ADD CHAPTER 296-19 "DEPOSITING SNOW OR ICE ON STREETS PROHIBITED" TO REGULATE SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has determined that there is a need to regulate snow and ice removal within the Township; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of Mansfield Title III "Snow Removal" is hereby amended, revised and supplemented to add the following:

#### Section 1:

#### **Chapter 296-19**

### 296-19      **Depositing snow or ice on streets prohibited.**

#### **A.**

No person, firm or corporation, the owner, tenant or occupant of any premises

abutting on any public street within the jurisdiction of the Township of Mansfield shall throw, place or deposit any snow, ice or sleet into or upon any of said Township streets. It is the intent and purpose of this provision to prohibit all persons from throwing, casting, placing, plowing or depositing snow, ice and sleet which has accumulated within the private property or any area outside of the traveled way or shoulder onto a Township street.

**B.**

No person, firm or corporation, the owner, tenant or occupant of any premises abutting on any Township street, if require by necessity plowing of their driveways to gain access to the public street, shall plow any snow, ice and sleet into or upon the Township streets, traveled way or shoulder; rather, all snow, ice and sleet shall be deposited off the traveled way and shoulder. It is hereby further required, to facilitate the traffic flow and to maintain the proper width on the Township streets, that said person or persons or individuals and/or their agents shall feather the snow along said Township streets so that same does not encroach upon the traveled way and/or shoulder, if one exists.

**296-20                      Violations and penalties.**

Any owner or tenant who violate the above section of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$250 together with the cost of prosecution incurred by the Township of Mansfield.

**Section 2:**

All other sections shall remain unchanged.

**Section 3:**

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 4.**

Repealer.

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

## Section 5.

### Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication.

Mr. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2017-05 and requested that the public hearing be held on April 12, 2017 at 8pm, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

### Introduction of Resolution 2017-54

### 2017 Budget

Mrs. Kocher asked about the \$75,000 from Open Space.

Mr. Misertino commented the total budget was increased but not sure for what specific items.

Mr. Watters believes that we can use Open Space money to take of those courts. The budget can be introduced and amendments can be made later.

Mrs. Turchan indicated the budget changed due to adding in the grants that were received so far.

Mr. Lavery shared that even though this says resolution it is treated like an Ordinance with a public hearing on April 26, 2017.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-54 Introduction of the 2017 Budget and requested that the public hearing be held on April 26, 2017 at 8pm, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

## **ORDINANCE 2017-02**

### **ORDINANCE TO CANCEL CAPITAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, there exists full-funded ordinances on the balance sheet of the General Capital Fund; and

WHEREAS, the fund creating these ordinances has been investigated and it has been determined that these ordinances are no longer needed and should be

canceled;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, that the following ordinances in the total amount of \$ 630.07 are hereby canceled to Capital Surplus.

Ordinance CA-2009-04

Purchase of Office Equipment	\$	130.01
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Ordinance CA-2013-02

Purchase of Mig Welder	\$	500.06
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Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-02, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Mayor Watters opened floor for public comment.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mr. Watters brought up bids for Lawn Mowing were received but will be carried until legal counsel has an opportunity to review the paperwork.

Mr. Watters shared that Mansfield EMS is looking for additional plowing after storm is over.

DPW Supervisor Wood spoke about keeping their bays and driveways cleared. He requested specific instructions from the Committee as to how much DPW should be doing for them.

Mr. Watters requested the emergency services liaisons meet with the companies and decide how to proceed.

Mrs. Kocher commented emergency personnel will be going to their stations anyway for storms so sidewalks should be their responsibility.

Mr. Hayes shared he went to the Open Space meeting with an update that the electrical wires were pulled from the telephone to the meter pan and to the breaker panel awaiting inspection at the Mt Bethel Church.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Misertino asked Mr. Hayes if he asked anyone from Open Space about who authorized the fill dirt.

Mr. Hayes explained it's common knowledge that a consortium had someone volunteer to fill the whole with dirt which wound up being unacceptable.

Mrs. Mora Dillon asked that we focus on going forward instead of trying to lynch somebody.

Mr. Misertino spoke to the architect who was not informed this was happening, only that the whole was there, and that he was going to fold it into his Phase II and take ownership of dealing with it. It then would have had proper oversight instead of someone taking it upon themselves which got us in the situation we are in. Mr. Misertino requested that the architect be the point of contact for managing all work at the Mt Bethel Church.

Mr. Lavery could not remember what the architect proposal included as far as project oversight for Phase I.

Mr. Watters mentioned that we are waiting for the second phase project proposal from the architect.

Mr. Misertino expected questions and answers from the Open Space Committee from last night's meeting since they are running this project.

Mr. Misertino just wants to know who did this. The Township got a Notice of Violation.

Mrs. Kocher requested a motion for Pelligrino to pursue the foreclosed properties.

Mrs. Turchan was asked by Mrs. Mora Dillon who she would recommend we go with.

Mr. Misertino indicated there is a reference from the Tax Collector to go with GMS Law.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to hire GMS, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mr. Lavery stated that during Executive Session personnel matters regarding two interviews will be discussed.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:45pm, which was seconded by Mr. Misertino.

Ayes: Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to return from executive session at 9:27pm, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Roll Call: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Watters

Mr. Lavery, Esq. stated that during Executive Session where we discussed personnel matter dealing with interviews for CFO position, copies of these minutes will be available as soon as the Committee feels they are no longer a harm to the public interest.

Ron Hayes made a motion for Mr. Lavery to make the offer with the parameters discussed in Executive Session, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Misertino, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Misertino requested we start work for the Trail Grant, since there's been no movement from our end, and asked if we should consider doing it this year or next year with required matching Township funds.

Mr. Misertino will look back to see what the Township portion is.

Mr. Hayes mentioned overall budget was over \$40,000

Mr. Misertino suggested extra was put in based on condition of current trail.

Mr. Hayes suggested there would be additional maintenance expense needed.

Mr. Hayes asked if DPW Supervisor Wood knew about additional maintenance of the park.

Mr. Misertino mentioned the trail work would have to begin at the latest next year to be able to take advantage of the grant.

Mr. Misertino had hoped this would have been part of a bigger plan. The park can be beneficial to all community demographics and hopes that there is Township Committee support for doing something with the park. He has an estimate for \$7,000 for an engineer to generate revised plans and costs.

Mr. Misertino mentioned the County recently approved a farm contract and are getting three times as much per acre as we are.

Mayor Watters asked where the property is because every property has different soil values.

Mr. Misertino wants the Township taxpayers to tell us what to do with their park property not the Township Committee deciding.

Mr. Misertino made a motion to cancel the farm contract effective 1/1/18 and move forward with generating real plans and have the community tell us what they want in the park, which was seconded by Mrs. Kocher.

Mrs. Mora Dillon said that in order for the taxpayers to tell us it would have to be a referendum.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mrs. Kocher

Nays: Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Absent: None  
Abstain: None

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to adjourn 9:37pm, which was carried by all.